



*Bradley County Commission*  
**Johnny Mull, Chairman**  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
March 25, 2019, at 7:00p.m.  
Bradley County Courthouse

Members present: Louie Alford, Milan Blake, Thomas Crye, Erica Davis, Dennis Epperson, Bobby Goins, Mike Hughes, Tim Mason, Chairman Johnny Mull, Charlotte Peak, Kevin Raper, Howard Thompson, Bill Winters, Vice Chairman Jeff Yarber, and Ex Officio non voting member Mayor D. Gary Davis

Members absent: None

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Chairman Johnny Mull called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Howard Thompson, Phil Griffith prayed the invocation.

**REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR**

Mayor D. Gary Davis presented to the Commission a request by Bradley County Clerk Donna Simpson to consider a resolution establishing an archives and records management fee for the documents filed in the County Clerk's Office. Commissioner Bill Winters placed the resolution on the April 1, 2019, voting session agenda.

Mayor Davis provided to the Commission thumb drives containing the department budget requests for fiscal year 2019-2020. Mayor Davis noted only sixteen out of seventy-two budgets requested more than a two percent increase.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS**

**1<sup>st</sup> District**

Commissioner Dennis Epperson placed on the April 1, 2019, voting session agenda a motion to approve the recommendation of the Drinking Water and Waste Water Treatment Services ad hoc committee to undertake a feasibility study to provide water and sewer to unincorporated parts of Bradley County at a cost not to exceed \$80,000.

Commissioner Mike Hughes had no report.

**2<sup>nd</sup> District**

Commissioner Louie Alford requested an update on the Urbane Road Park sewer project.

Commissioner Thomas Crye had no report.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> District

Commissioner Milan Blake requested the Building and Land Committee undertake at their next meeting the demolition of the Lake Forest Middle School pods bid process, the future of the Road Department house structure, and the condition of the Dooley Street EMS Station.

Blake reported the Greenway Board plans to install changing tables in the restrooms at Greenway Park.

Blake thanked Lee University baseball coach Mark Brew for military appreciation day.

### 4<sup>th</sup> District

Commissioners Charlotte Peak and Howard Thompson had no report.

### 5<sup>th</sup> District

Commissioner Bobby Goins had no report.

Vice Chairman Jeff Yarber reported the Law Enforcement Committee met and voted to refer to the Finance Committee a recommendation to increase in fiscal year 2019-2020 from \$135,000 to \$250,000 the Sheriff's Department vehicle line item to lease fifteen new and equipped patrol vehicles and to purchase eight to ten used, low mileage vehicles.

### 6<sup>th</sup> District

Commissioner Tim Mason had no report.

Commissioner Erica Davis reported the results of an online 6<sup>th</sup> district constituents. Main community concerns expressed by constituents were roads/infrastructure; public safety; law enforcement; fire; emergency services; broadband; and economic development.

### 7<sup>th</sup> District

Commissioner Kevin Raper congratulated Dr. Bill Seymour and Cleveland State Community College for the recent honor of being named College of the Year for Tennessee.

Raper reported the Road Committee met and delayed the vote on the resolution governing the use of the right-of-ways until May 29, 2019, at 10:00a.m.

Commissioner Bill Winters complimented the Mayor and Parks department on the beautiful Park View ball field.

Winters reported attending an opioid roundtable to discuss funding issues.

Winters reported the museum board submitted a budget request to the Commission for fiscal year 2019-2020.

Winters reported the Juvenile Committee met and reviewed the departmental budget request for fiscal year 2019-2020 noting salaries are the main need followed by the roof and air conditioning systems.

### AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Johnny Mull reported the results of the Commission survey that identified Commission priorities as: salaries, education, infrastructure and economic development, building maintenance, and reducing debt.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Ross Tarver, Industrial Development Board Chairman, opined the PIE Center is critical to supplying the workforce.

Steve Wright, Wright Brothers owner, stressed the need to invest in the PIE Center for the needs of our local industry.

Troy Weather, School Board member, urged the Commission to invest in the PIE Center.

Gary Farlow, President of the Cleveland Bradley Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Commission for their support. Farlow voiced Chamber support for the PIE Center as there are more job openings than employable people in the county.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*Voting Session, April 1, 2019, 7:00p.m., Bradley County Courthouse

\*Reception honoring Gary Farlow, March 29, 2019, 8:30a.m.-10:00a.m., Chamber of Commerce

\*Reception honoring Kim Frady, April 1, 2019, 11:00a.m.-1:00p.m., UT Extension Office

\*Finance Committee, April 1, 2019, 11:30a.m., Commission Office

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.